

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Swearingen et al.	§ Group Art Unit: 2444
Serial No.: 10/815,210	§ Examiner: Shaw, Peling Andy
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For: Method and System for Authorizing a Restricted Callable Status in an Instant Messaging System	§ Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030808US1

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